

## Appendix E

# BEEF GRADING AIDS

Non-USDA agents may obtain the items below as follows:

**MEAT EVALUATION HANDBOOK** – Primary text for meat grading and selection

American Meat Science Association ([www.meatscience.org](http://www.meatscience.org)) phone: (217) 356-5368  
1111 North Dunlap  
Savoy, IL 61874

**USDA RIBEYE GRID** – For quick measurement of ribeye area – beef

Art Services phone: (301) 277-7304  
4910 Decatur St  
Hyattsville, MD 20781

**PRELIMINARY YIELD GRADE RULER** – for measurement of backfat

NASCO phone: (800) 558-9595  
P.O. Box 3837  
Modesto, CA 95357

**MARBLING PICTURES** – Set of six official color prints illustrating the lower limits of  
degrees of marbling (Slight through Moderately Abundant)

National Cattlemen's Beef Association phone: (303) 694-0305  
9110 E. Nichols Avenue, #300 (800) 368-3138  
Centennial, CO 80112

USDA, AMS, LPS, QAD,  
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10809 Executive Center Drive, Suite 318  
Little Rock, AR 72211  
Phone: 501-312-2962  
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